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UPDATE ON GOVERNOR'S JUVENILE JUSTICE INITIATIVE

At the Board Meeting of June 5, 2007, my office was directed to prepare five-signature letters to the Governor, the Legislative Leadership, and the Budget Conferees with copies of each to members of the County's Legislative Delegation. The letters were delivered on Friday, June 8, 2007. In addition, my office was requested to provide weekly reports on the Governor's Juvenile Justice Initiative.

Our Sacramento advocates advise that representatives from the California State Association of Counties (CSAC), Urban Counties Caucus and the Chief Probation Officers of California met with staff from the Assembly Speaker and Senate President pro Tem on Wednesday, June 6, 2007. These meetings appear to be the main legislative forum for discussion on Juvenile Justice. The legislative staff asked for and heard the concerns of counties without commitment.

The Department of Finance (DOF) had forecast that the graduated payments counties would remit to the State, based on the severity of a juvenile ward's offense, would be subject to the highest sliding scale payments. CSAC discussed this issue and provided information and data to indicate that actual payments for non-707 (b) offenders would be lower than the DOF estimates because not all of these wards are guilty of the more serious offenses.

According to the County Probation Department's advocate, the Speaker's staff appears to be sensitive to the County's concerns, but there was little information forthcoming about the details of any legislative proposal. In particular, nothing was discussed about the likely level of county reimbursement per ward. All the county advocates think it is unlikely that

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statutory language will be available before the Juvenile Justice Initiative and the Budget come up for a vote.

Also, the Governor's Juvenile Justice Initiative was first heard in Senate Budget Subcommittee No. 4, Subcommittee Chair Mike Machado has been very active and involved with this issue, and he has been meeting and talking with county advocates about the elements of an appropriate reform plan. The most recent idea that Senator Machado has surfaced is that there should be a commission to oversee the implementation of any juvenile justice reform, evaluate the impact on the wards, the adequacy of funding, and to report back to the Legislature.

Capitol sources indicate that the Conference Committee is not likely to meet again until tomorrow, and the Juvenile Justice Initiative remains an open item on the conference agenda.

We will keep you advised.

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